

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The following are substitute paragraphs showing changes:

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As best depicted in Figs. 3 and 3A, the multi-functional bit 12 has a longitudinal central axis X that extends from the outer end 18a of the screwdriver element 18 to an outer end 22b of the drill element 16. The central axes of the drill element 16, the screwdriver element 18, and the plate member 20 may be each coincident with the central axis X of the bit 12. The screwdriver element 18 includes an elongated body 28 having a hexagonal cross-section with a pair of annular channels 30, 32 in the body terminating at an outer end 28a in the form of a screwdriver head 34. While a Phillips-type screwdriver head is depicted, other driver heads such as a flat-head type, an Allen wrench, or a socket driver could be used. These, and other types of driver heads, come within the meaning of the term "driver element." The annular channels 30 and 32 are spaced apart along the outer surface 28c of the elongated body 28, and each may have a depth d_2 (Fig. 3C), where the depth d_2 may be about equal to the radius of ball bearings 58 and 60 (Fig. 4) that may be employed in connect-disconnect couplings 14 illustrated in Fig 4.

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The user now reinserts the bit 12, inserting the drill element ~~22~~ **16** and the plate member 20 into the connect-disconnect coupling 14. When inserted, the drill element ~~22~~ **16** lies within the coupling 14 and the

screwdriver element 18 extends outward from the coupling as shown in Fig. 1. The bit 12 is locked in position by releasing the grasp of the sleeve 44 with the sleeve spring 48 moving the sleeve outward O into the locked position. The ball bearings 58 and 60 now lie within annular channel 30. The user may then use the screwdriver element 18 to drive a screw etc. into the drilled hole. When the screw is completely driven in, the head of the screw may lie within the countersink such that the screw head is flush with, or below the surface of the object. To remove the bit, the sleeve 44 is again moved into the unlocked position. Upon moving from a locked to an unlocked position, a plunger spring 50 in the coupling that is compressed upon insertion of the bit 12 into the coupling 14, expands and ejects the bit 12 from the connect-disconnect coupling.